

Critical behaviour:  
Head-on collision of rotating relativistic  
neutron stars

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## Critical Phenomena

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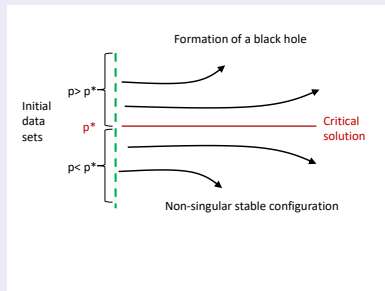
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- Universality
- Scale-invariance or time independence

## Type I

Lifetime of the metastable solution:

$$t_p = -\gamma \ln |p - p^*| + C$$

$\gamma$ : Universal critical index

## Type II

Black hole mass scaling relation:

$$M_{Bh} = C |p - p^*|^\gamma$$

Scale-invariance:

$$\Phi^*(r, t) = \Phi^*(r \cdot e^\Delta, t \cdot e^\Delta)$$

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- Implosion of massless scalar fields in spherical symmetry (1993)
- Collapse of axisymmetric gravitational waves in pure vacuum spacetimes (1993)
- Collapse of a massive scalar field
- Collision of non-rotating neutron stars (2007)
- Collapse of non-rotating and rotating radiation fluids (1994, 2016)

## Kerr black holes

axially-symmetric solution; characterized by its mass and spin

Event horizon at  $r_+ = M + \sqrt{M^2 - (J/M)^2}$

## Cosmic Censorship Hypothesis

Gravitational collapse from physically reasonable, generic set of initial conditions never gives rise to a 'naked' singularity which is not clothed by an event horizon.

## Spin restriction

$$J/M^2 \leq 1$$

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Einstein Toolkit: Finite differencing, HRSC, CCZ4, AMR, yz-reflection symmetry

## Initial data

Standard superposition method:

$$g_{\mu\nu} \approx g_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{Star A})} + g_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{Star B})} - \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

## Equation of state

$$p = K\rho^\Gamma$$

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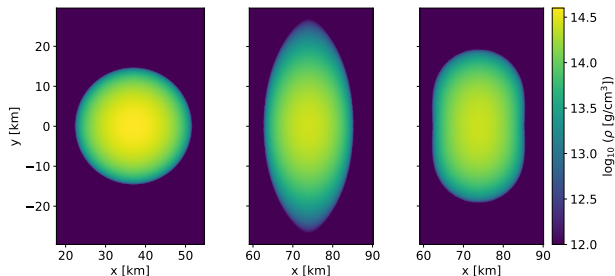
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## TOV

$$J/M^2 = 0$$

ID:

pizzaTOV-Solver

## Uniform rotation

$$\Omega = \text{constant}$$

$$J/M^2 : 0.6 - 0.9$$

ID: RNSID

## Differential rotation

$$\Omega - \Omega_C = \frac{F(\Omega)}{A^2}$$

$$J/M^2 : 1 - 2$$

ID: RNSID

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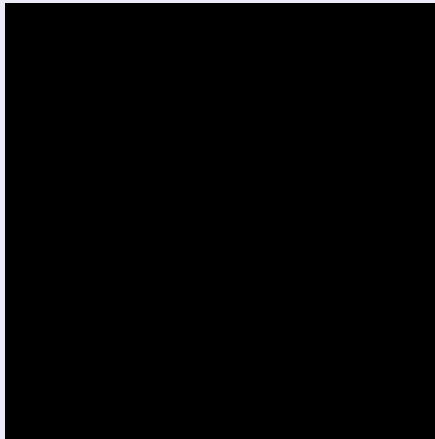
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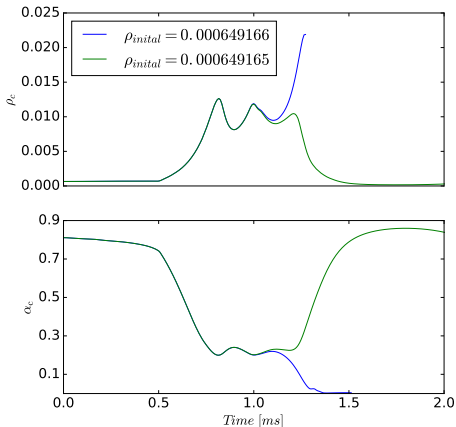
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Critical central rest mass density:

$$\rho^* = \rho_c^* = 0.0006491655 \hat{=} 4.01 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ [g/cm}^3\text{]}$$



Initial velocity	0.15
Initial distance	73.5 km

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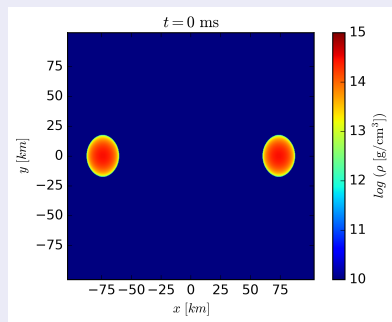
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Initial velocity	0
Initial distance	150 km
$M_{\text{initially per NS}}$	0.9 - 1.0 $M_{\odot}$
$J_{\text{initially per NS}}$	0.5 - 0.9
$J/M^2$	0.6 - 0.9



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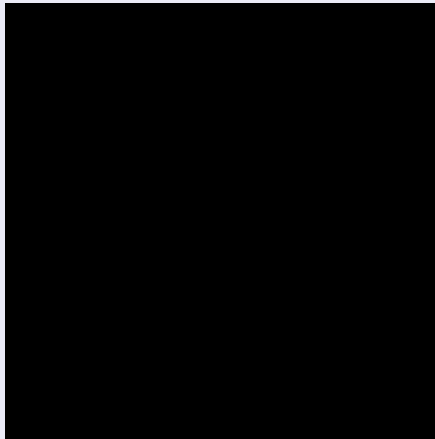
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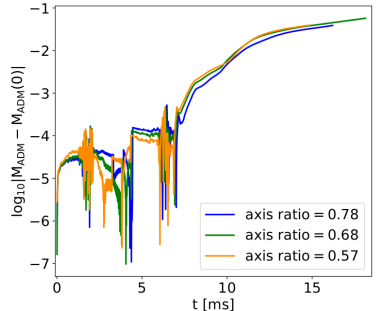
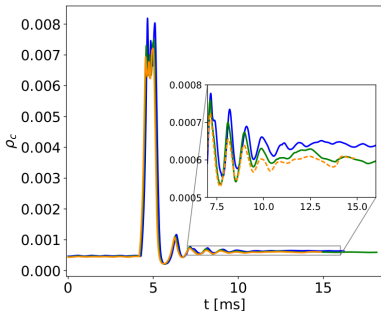
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## Subcritical long-run simulations



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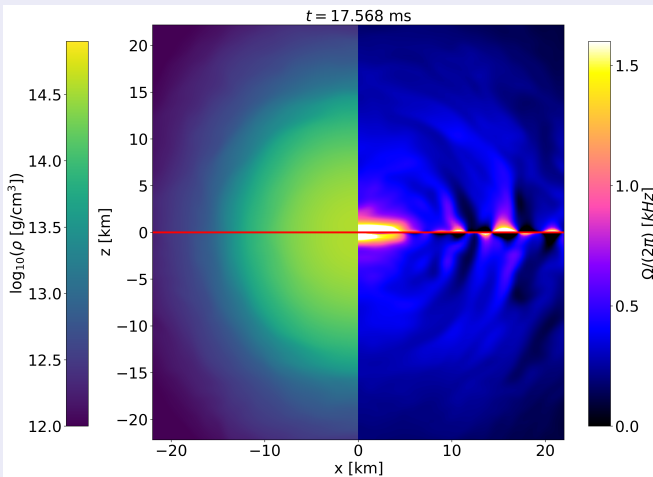
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$(r_p/r_e)$	0.57		0.68		0.78	
	sub	super	sub	super	sub	super
$M_{\text{ADM}}$	1.0011020	1.0011024	0.973460	0.973461	0.9328829	0.9328830
$J_{\text{ADM}}$	0.899865	0.899866	0.753060	0.753062	0.5581656	0.5581657
$(J/M^2)$	0.8978850	0.8978853	0.794681	0.794682	0.64137023	0.64137021
$M_{\text{max}}$	1.70		1.68		1.66	

# Head-on collision of uniformly rotating stars: rest-mass density and angular velocity



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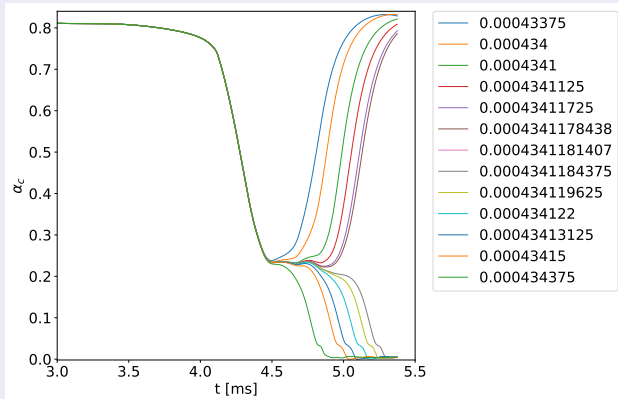
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**Figure:** Evolution of the central lapse function for collisions of stars with  $r_p/r_e = 0.57$ . The legend on the right side terms the initial central rest-mass densities.

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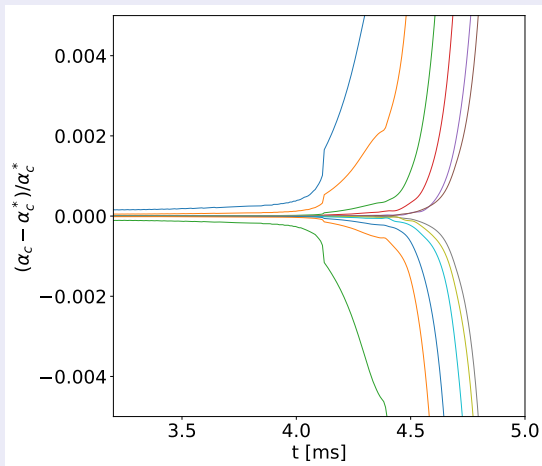


Figure: Evaluation of the lifetimes of the metastable phases

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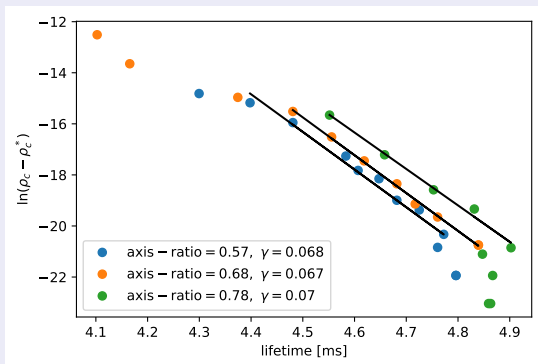
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**Figure:**  $\ln(\rho_c - \rho_c^*)$  vs. the lifetime of the metastable state with  $r_p/r_e = 0.57, 0.68$  and  $0.78$ . The slope of the linear fit gives the critical index.

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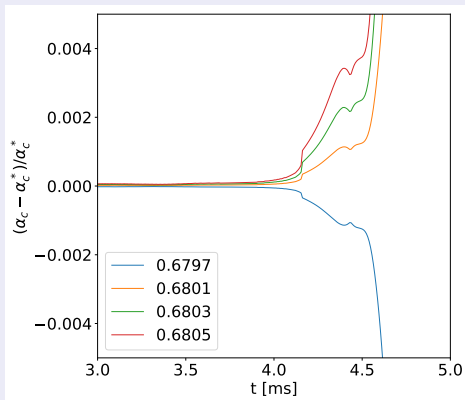


Figure: Evolution of  $(\alpha_c - \alpha_c^*)/\alpha_c^*$  for collisions of stars with a fixed rest-mass density of 0.000448683595 but varying angular momentum which is adjusted by the axis ratio parameter as indicated in the

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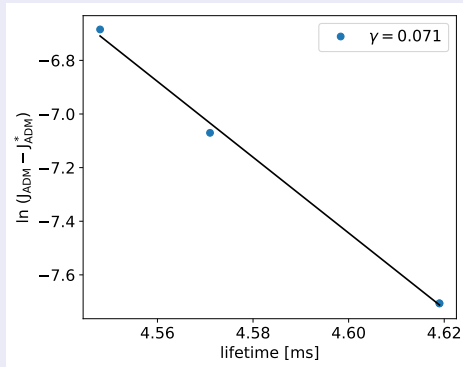
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**Figure:**  $\ln(J_{ADM} - J_{ADM}^*)$  plotted against the lifetime of the metastable state determined for collisions of stars with  $r_c = 0.000448683595$ . The slope of the linear fit gives the critical index.

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$\rho_c$	$r_p/r_e$	$A_{diff}$	Initial $ J_{ADM} $	Initial $M_{ADM}$	Initial $J/M^2$
0.0004	0.6	0.9	1.15	1.10	0.96
0.00043	0.46	2.0	1.26	1.10	1.04
0.00042	0.37	1.3	2.03	1.29	1.21

**Table:** Properties of the investigated three differentially rotating stellar models.

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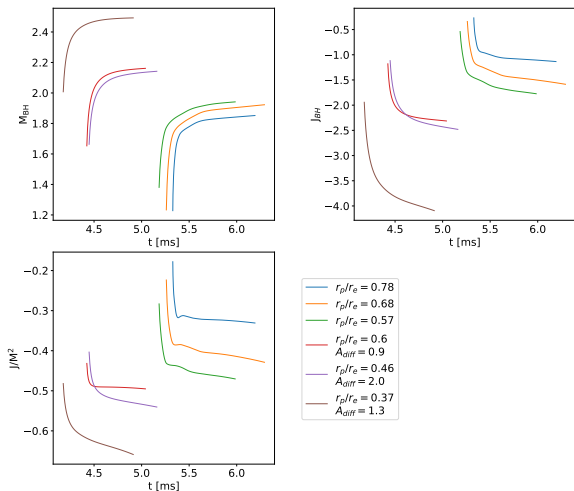


Figure: Supercritical head-on collision of uniformly and differentially rotating neutron stars.

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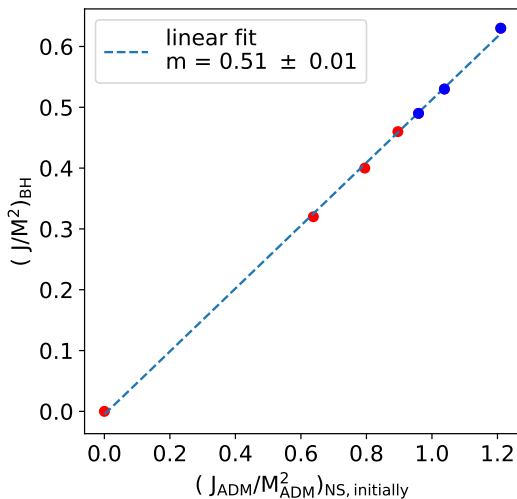
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## Conclusions and Outlook

- Validation: Critical behaviour of colliding non-rotating stars
- Evaluated: Critical behaviour of colliding uniformly-rotating stars.  
Observed: universal critical index.
- Collision of differentially rotating stars:  
Still too far away from the  $J/M^2 \approx 2$  models.

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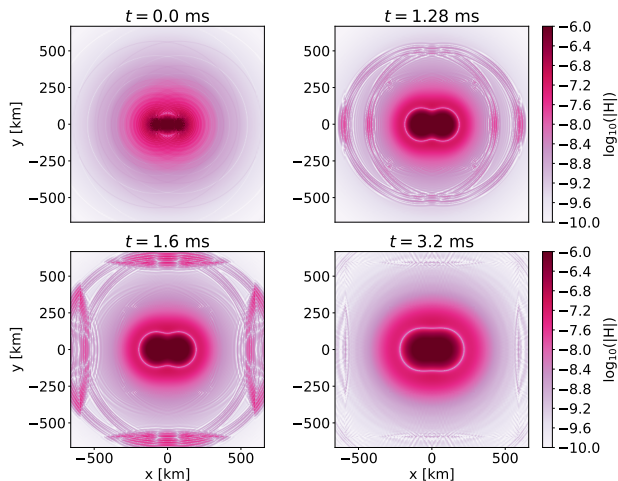


Figure: Hamiltonian constraint violation of a subcritical collision in the  $xy$ -plane - inner region.

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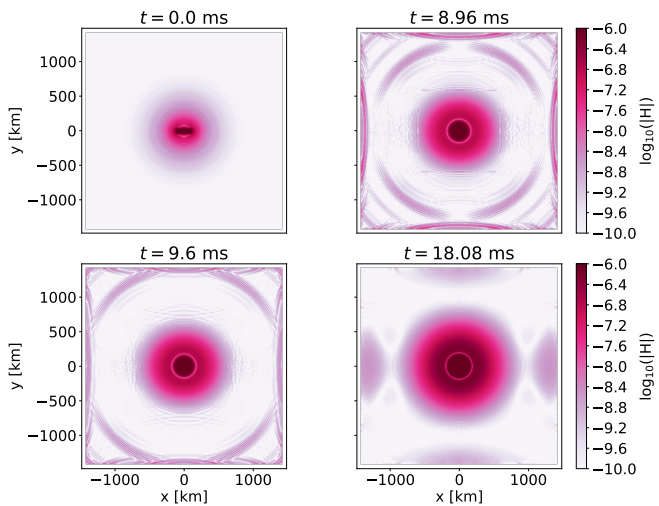


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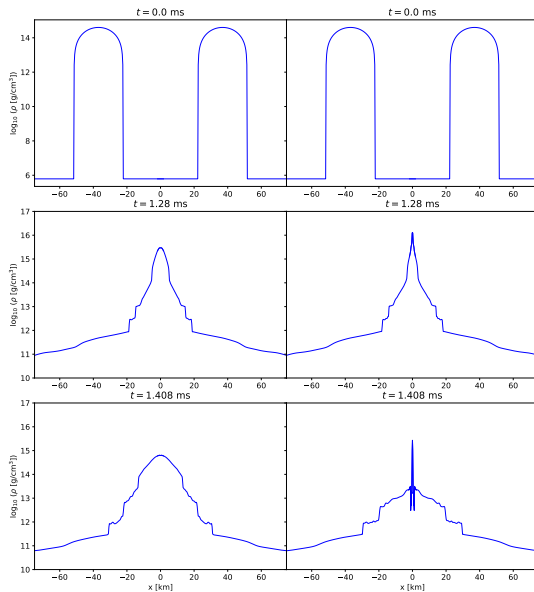
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